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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 1651

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Examiner: Sandra E. Saucier

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For: BIOJELLY-PRODUCING MICROORGANISM, MICROORGANISM-CONTAINING COATING, MICROORGANISM-CONTAINING COATING FILM, AND METHOD OF PREVENTING ATTACHMENT OF LIFE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 23, 2002, Applicant elects Group I, product claims 1-6, for examination.

However, considering the nature of the claims, Applicant notes that rejoinder under MPEP § 821.04 may be appropriate in the present application with respect to the process claims of Group II (claims 7-10).

The Examiner is requested to proceed with the examination of claims 1-6.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.


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In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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